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"Semper Vigilans!"

SPRING 2010

WING CALENDAR

LtC Lesley M. Lara
CAP Executive Administrator

APRIL

17-18 SAREX CON
21 Commanders Call Hqtrs 1900
24 NHW Cadet Comp.
GTTS Hidden Valley

MAY

1 Wing Rocket Competition
2 Rocket Comp. rain date
AE Fair at
McCauliffe/Shepard
Planitarium
5 Seabrook Graded Exercise
19 Commander's Call 1900
22-23 Staff Assistance Visit
29 NER Cadet Comp. Westover

JUNE

5 Open House at Dillant Hopkins
Airport Keene
16 Commander's Call 1900
18-19 SAREX Keene
24-27 Nat'l Cadet Comp.

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"SEMPERVIGILANS"

COMMANDERS CORNER

Col Donald C. Davidson, Commander

Here it is spring, already! Your Wing is getting prepared for a very busy season and will be starting the Fire Patrol flights early this year because of the fast melt of the winter snow. Once again, our troops from the Lakes region will be coordinating the flight activity. The State of NH has requested your Wing to cover 2 of the 3 Fire routes with the possibility of being called to cover all 3 on occasion. This activity should provide ample free flight hours for our Mission Pilots and crews.

During the last part of February, I attended the Winter National Board meeting in Washington, DC. A number of issues were addressed with the most discussion centering around the Corporate Uniform. The current uniform will be valid for sometime yet and a committee of Board members will be reviewing the entire uniform process with the intent to develop a "permanent" Corporate uniform system that will give some stability to this very important issue.

Work on both the Cadet encampment and NCOA has been going on for sometime and both events should be superb, once again. The encampment will be at Norwich University in Vermont from July 22 to August 01 and we will be joined by both Vermont and Maine Cadets this year. Encampment Director will be Major Shaw of Wing Staff and the Commandant of Cadets will be LTC Varney of the Concord squadron. NCOA is planned for the State Fire Academy facility in Concord from July 11 to July 17. Captain Josh McGary will again be the commander.

Our fourth annual 3 day Wing SAREX will again be held at Whitefield, NH. The tentative date is set for June 18 – 20, but with the famous (infamous?) NH weather, that might change. This year we have invited both the Vermont and Maine Wings to join us with both SAREX crews and staff.

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

MITCHELL AWARD

Adam Parent	Seacoast
Christopher Kondi	Lebanon

CONCORD

Heather Hill	C/1Lt
Joshua Thomas	C/2Lt
Michael Langlais	C/SSgt

HAWK

Mark Chapman	C/CMSgt
Eric VanDen Berghe	C/SMSgt
Zacchaeus Graf	C/MSgt
Patrick Perry	C/MSgt
Jonathan Grant	C/TSgt
Matthew Wallace	C/A1C
Jason Labonville	C/Amn

LEBANON

Noah Johnson	C/1Lt
Christian Brechbuhl	C/1Lt
Christopher Kondi	C/2Lt
Robert Fernandez	C/TSgt
Connor Gavell	C/TSgt

GREATER NASHUA

Ryan Sullivan	C/SMSgt
Hannah Andrick	C/MSgt
Eric Daigle	C/SrA

MONADNOCK

Travis Somero	C/SMSgt
Connor Somero	C/MSgt
Sean Somero	C/SSgt
Andrew Brown	C/SSgt
A. Barnes	C/SrA
Dwayne West	C/SrA
Justin Somero	C/A1C
Andrew Solomonides	C/A1C
L. Moran	C/A1C
T. Moran	C/A1C
Jack Rathburn	C/Amn
Benjamin Cook	C/Amn

SEACOAST

Adam Parent	C/2Lt
Roy Hutton	C/CMSgt
Jon-Luc Comtois	C/CMSgt
Travis Comtois	C/MSgt
Hannah Azotea	C/SSgt
Josh Grant	C/SSgt
Allen Ellis	C/SSgt
John Mackaman	C/SSgt
Patrick Royer	C/SrA
James Mackaman	C/SrA
Valerie Dancewicz	C/A1C
Trevor Bergeron	C/Amn
William Chapman	C/Amn

SENIOR MEMBERS

Cliff Vendt	Ltc
Sandy Riis	Capt.
Alexander Hoch	Capt
Richard Cox	Capt
Steve McRae	Capt
Jesse Kapsten	1 Lt
Matthew Towsley	1 Lt
Anna Hullinger	1 Lt
Christopher Moisan	2 Lt



SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Forty six members attended the Monarchs Military Pride hockey game in Manchester in Feb. An open house on March 11 was well attended with some new prospects. Lt. Hullinger will be deployed this spring with the NHANG. Capt. Barbara Stokes will be feted at a going away party in April. She will be moving to Maryland.

GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

In January the cadets met with Lt. Mitch Stinson a former E-2 Hawkeye pilot with the US Navy. He spoke with the cadets about the challenges of flying the E-2, conducting carrier landing operations at sea and the path he took to become a naval aviator.

HAWK CADET SQUADRON

Cadets had a tubing party at Gunstock back in the winter. They provided a color guard at the Military Pride night Monarchs hockey game. Twenty five members and family attended the game. In a cadet commander change of command C/1Lt Michael Wallace has become the new Commander and C/CMSgt Daniel Powell is the new XO. Cadet Maxx Haas has been selected to attend the International Air Cadet Exchange program this summer.

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

C/Col Vincent Van Dintel attended the Civic Leadership Academy back in February in Washington, DC. He was one of only 24 cadets nationally to be selected for this activity. While there he got to see the inner workings of Congress and the Supreme Court toured the State Dept and Arlington National Cemetery, visited the CIA and the Pentagon. A field trip to Battleship Cove is in the planning stages.

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Public Affairs Officer, 1 Lt Michael Balog represented the squadron at a ceremony for a retired Army veteran who received four medals that he earned during WWII, but never received. M/G Reddel, NH Adjutant General presented the medals to John Andriopoulos at Quail Hollow retirement home. C/1Lt Christian Brechbuhl who is also a Boy Scout earned his Eagle Scout award. He is also the team captain for the Hanover High School swim team in spite of being home schooled. C/2Lt James Bassette won the SKDII Nordic Ski Meet for Woodstock High School.

MANCHESTER CADET SQUADRON

Many members of the squadron attended the Manchester Monarchs hockey game at the Verizon Center. The squadron is busy with getting all staff positions filled and ready for inspection.

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Fifteen members attended the Red Cross course on shelter management in January. Another course which was a follow on the the shelter management was held on 3 March. In April they will be receiving training in disaster assessment. Cadets and seniors will be participating in Operation Appreciation hosted by the Red Cross on May 14th. They will be presenting the colors for the

festivities. S/M Tom Dardas, new ES officer is conducting basic ES classes on a continual basis. He is a paramedic for the Peterborough Fire Dept.

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Three members of the squadron joined the Pease Greeters to meet a flight of service members in February. Cadet Commander Alicia Hagman has been chosen to attend the International Air Cadet Exchange this summer and will be traveling to Hong Kong. The members of the Cyber Patriot team received ribbons at a recent award ceremony. They plan to compete again next year. An open house is planned for April 29th at DES.

Commander's Corner continued

I am looking forward to a great event. Keep checking the Wing calendar on our website for more current information as June draws near.

Plans are being made for NH CAP Cadets and Seniors to participate (for pay) in the August Airshow at Pease which will feature the Navy Blue Angel flight team. This event will provide much needed funds for the Wing Cadet Activities account, which will be used to help defray expenses associated with all types of Cadet program activities. We will be sending specific details about our assignments for the Airshow to all of you at a later date. This event will require the help and physical support of almost every member of the Wing to be successful. It is scheduled for the 28th and 29th of August.

Enjoy the great spring and early summer seasons and be Safe. Thank you all for what you do for CAP.



COL DAVIDSON ON LEGISLATIVE DAY WITH SEN. GREGG AND M/G COURTER

Note of Thanks from “Sir Sid” Girardin

“ As some of you know, my father passed away in February. Since then my family and I have received several cards, calls and a beautiful plant arrangement from the Wing and many members of the wing. Lesley told me when I first took this position that I would find out that the NH Wing of Civil Air Patrol is not only a group of people doing a great job for their state and country, but that it is also one big family. She couldn't have been more correct. Through the years I have seen all of you circle, protect and comfort those in need without being asked to. You just do it because that's who you are. I want to thank all of you for taking my family and myself under your wing during this time. You are ALL very special to me. Keep up the great work and God bless all of you.

Note of Thanks from Your PAO

As Sir Sid said you all are very special people and I want to thank all who sent cards after my hip surgery and who kept me in their prayers. Thank you also for the lovely flowers which I received shortly after I got back to my room from surgery. It is so comforting to know that one is thought of when the chips are down. I am doing much better now and should be back to normal soon. Maj Hardy

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Asst. Chaplain and Character Development Officer, Lt Preston Lawrance who was chosen Ambassador of the Year by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce. Lawrance is a mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Manchester and volunteers with the Chaplain Services at Manchester VA Medical Center.

COL ALBERT J. SAMBOLD MEMORIAL SOLO SCHOLARSHIP

Over the years since former wing commander Col Al Sambold passed away the Sambold Scholarship has been awarded to a number of NH Wing cadets. Applications should be submitted to the Wing cadet activity board on or before 15 April. The amount to be awarded will not exceed \$500 annually and will be expended within 24 months of award date. While this scholarship is self perpetuating it would be helpful for those who knew Col Sambold to continue making donations to this scholarship to keep it in effect. Checks can be made to NH Wing CAP with Sambold Scholarship on the memo line. Let's keep this scholarship going in honor of a great wing commander.

SPRING MEANS GLIDER FLYING

The days are getting warmer and the glider season is about to begin for 2010 at Springfield, VT. Col Hardy hopes to start the season on May 1st in spite of the Rocket Competition on the same date.

Squadron Commanders should schedule their cadets for a primary and a backup date on Saturdays through Nov 6. Please contact Col Hardy with your preferred dates ASAP.

There will also be two glider academies this summer at Springfield on 12-16 July and 2-6 August. A maximum of 10 cadets can attend at one time and can be from any unit or wing. Cost for the week is \$350 and that includes glider tows, lodging and meals.

Cadets and senior escorts should complete the wing runner course online before arrival at Springfield. Each activity begins with a thorough safely briefing and a detailed preflight of the glider.

For the weekly Saturday schedule squadrons are encouraged to fly cadets in as powered O flights to supplement the glider flights. We are fortunate to have a cadre of glider pilots/instructors willing to donate their time, money and expertise to support the program. Any questions can be directed to: Col Dale Hardy at dvh1938@comcast.net or (603) 659-6292 or LTC David Mikelson at dmikelson@cap.gov or (802) 291-2734 ©.



THIS COULD BE YOU!! SCHEDULE NOW!!!!!